



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
AMENDMENT MEMO

**2011 Senate Bill 410**

**Senate Substitute  
Amendment 1**

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Under *current law*, with limited exceptions, no person may operate upon a highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds certain statutory weight limits unless the person obtains a permit issued by the Department of Transportation or a local authority.

*2011 Senate Bill 410* creates an exception to the permit requirement, similar to the present seasonal exception for vehicles transporting agricultural crops, for certain overweight vehicles hauling manure. Under the bill, a vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting manure to or from a farm between September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year may operate without an overweight permit if the vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds the weight limits by not more than 15% and the vehicle is either: (a) a vehicle or combination of vehicles having a registered weight of 50,000 pounds or more; or (b) an implement of husbandry. The bill would not apply to the national system of interstate highways, except on I-39 between US-H 51 and I-90/94.

*Senate Substitute Amendment 1* makes the following changes to the bill. It extends the weight limit exception to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year and provides that the exception would not apply to the national system of interstate highways, *including* I-39 between US-H 51 and I-90/94.

**Legislative History**

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Galloway on February 9, 2012. On February 16, 2012 the Senate Committee on Transportation and Elections unanimously recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and passage of Senate Bill 410, as amended.

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